

## Message Text

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4952  
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ROME FOR FAA SWITZER; BRUSSELS FOR FAA PACE; DEPT PASS FAA FOR  
CARY AND CARMICHAEL

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: EAIR LE  
SUBJECT: GOL REQUEST FOR FAA ASSISTANCE; BEIRUT INTERNATIONAL  
AIRPORT (BIA)

1. RCAA AND EMBASSY ECONOMIC OFFICER MET WITH GOL DIRECTOR GENERAL  
CIVIL AVIATION BEYDOUN AUGUST 17 WHO REQUESTED FAA ASSISTANCE ON  
FOLLOWING ITEMS:

A. BILLING FROM FAA COVERING MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WO-1-109  
FOR RECENT RADAR SITING STUDY PERFORMED BY FAA PERSONNEL FOR DGCA.

B. REQUEST FOR ONE FAA MEMBER OF RADAR SITING STUDY TEAM TO PROCEED  
TO BEIRUT TO BRIEF DGCA BEYDOUN AND STAFF ON DETAILED FINDINGS  
AND RECOMMENDATIONS EMANATING FROM THE RADAR SITING STUDY, TO BE  
COVERED BY (PRESUMABLY) NEW MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT.

C. REQUEST FOR FAA FLIGHT CALIBRATION AIRCRAFT (SABRELINER 75  
OR CITATION) TO FLIGHT CHECK IN LEBANON TWO VOR'S (ONE AT BEIRUT  
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, ONE AT CHEKHA), TWO NDB'S (ONE AT BEIRUT,  
ONE AT BAYSOUR), ONE DME (BEIRUT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT), AND ONE  
VASI (BEIRUT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT). BEYDOUN STRESSES THESE FLIGHT  
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CHECKS MUST BE EFFECTED AT LOW ALTITUDES AND ASKED IF THIS CREATES  
ANY PROBLEM FOR FAA?

2. PRESENT WORK IN PROCESS AT BIA INCLUDES FOLLOWING:

A. RUNWAY 18-36 PRESENTLY BEING RESURFACED AND STRENGTHENED FOR  
COMPLETION IN ABOUT EIGHT WEEKS. (RUNWAY 3-21 RESURFACING &

STRENGTHENING COMPLETED EARLIER IN YEAR).

B. NEW THOMSON-CSF CATEGORY 2 ILS WILL BE INSTALLED AND OPERATIONAL  
YEAR END 1977.

C. SABENIA SECONDARY RADAR INSTALLATION COMPLETED.

D. TWO NEW TOSHIBA VOR'S BEING INSTALLED (ONE COLOCATED WITH NEW  
DME AT BIA).

E. DETAILED DESIGN OF NEW EAST PASSENGER TERMINAL, WHICH WILL MORE  
THAN DOUBLE EXISTING CAPACITY, IN PROCESS OF PREPARATION, WITH  
CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULED TO START BY EARLY 1978.

F. BIA PRESENTLY RECEIVING SCHEDULED SERVICE BY APPROXIMATELY  
TWENTY FOUR AIRLINED, WITH PASSENGER TRAFFIC NOW RUNNING AT ABOUT  
600/0 OF 1974 LEVELS. (FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1974 BIA  
HANDLED 2.7 MILLION PASSENGERS, INCLUDING TRANSITS.

3. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY RESPONSE TO DGCA REQUESTS PARA 1.

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